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To the Public Servants of the Department of Justice:

I wish to share with you a prediction of Microsoft's plan for the Internet. I wish you to ask yourselves if the settlement to the United States v. Microsoft anti-trust case could prevent such a scenario.

As you may be aware, in the mid-1990s Apple Computer was in a difficult financial position. Microsoft aided Apple Computer with a large purchase of non-voting stock. In exchange for this stock purchase, Apple Computer was required to make Microsoft's Internet Explorer the default Macintosh browser application.

You are also aware that Microsoft's illegal anti-competitive behavior captured dominance in the network browser application market from Netscape Navigator.

I predict that Microsoft will eliminate Sun Microsystems' Java through the use of its monopoly strength and browser application. Because a network browser is the primary interface between Java and the computer, this is feasible. I believe they will do this through the deployment of the C# (C Sharp) programming language, which has elements to replace Java.

Microsoft has used their monopoly strength to establish their network browser as the default for both Windows and Macintosh computers. There is strong evidence that Microsoft designs elements into their operating system and applications to disadvantage users of non-Microsoft products.

I predict that Microsoft will use its Internet Explorer browser application to disadvantage users of Java. Microsoft will then subsequently offer its C# language to users who are frustrated with Java's problems under Internet Explorer.

Do you believe that the settlement of the United States v. Microsoft anti-trust case can prevent such a scenario? If not, the settlement stands in need of revision.

Sincerely,

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